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DATE: May 28, 2004
TO: All Judges
FROM: John D. Ferry, Jr.
SUBJ: American Red Cross

Attached is a letter from Dr. Bruce Newman, MD, Medical Director for the Southeastern Michigan Region of the American Red Cross. Dr. Newman explains that the Red Cross uses only blood donations from volunteers. The Red Cross considers a person not to be a volunteer when they are ordered by a court to donate blood or are given the option by a court to fulfill community service credits through blood donations.

Courts using this approach for community service or other alternative sentence programs should discontinue this practice.